STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

MERRIAM'S WILD TURKEY REGULATIONS FOR 1985

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the districts described below shall be open to the hunting of Merriam's wild turkey by special wild turkey tag holders only, from one-half hour before sunrise through one-half hour after sunset on the dates shown for each district. Sunrise-sunset times shall be in conformance with the sunrise-sunset schedule by zones adopted by the Montana Fish and Game Commission.

September 7 through December 01, 1985

Southeast District: Those portions of Big Horn, Custer, Dawson, Fallon Garfield, McCone, Musselshell, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Treasure, Wibaux and Yellowstone counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the Yellowstone River bridge north of Custer, then north on the Custer-Melstone Road to U.S. Highway 12 at Melstone, then east on U.S. Highway 12 to the Musselshell River bridge, then north down the Musselshell River to Fort Peck Reservoir, and the Missouri River, then easterly down Missouri River to Montana-North Dakota state line, then south along the North Dakota-South Dakota-Montana state line to the Montana-Wyoming state line, then west on the Montana-Wyoming state line to the Crow Indian Reservation boundary, then north along the Crow Indian Reservation boundary to the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation boundary, then easterly, northerly and westerly along the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation boundary to the Crow Indian Reservation boundary, then north and west along the Crow Indian Reservation boundary to the Bighorn River, then north down the Bighorn River to the Yellowstone River, then west up the Yellowstone River to the Yellowstone River bridge at Custer, the point of beginning.

Exception:
September 7 through October 26, 1985

Carter County

October 27 through December 01, 1985

Bull Mountain District: Those portions of Musselshell, Big Horn, Yellowstone, and Golden Valley counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Billings, thence northwesterly along State Route 3 to its junction with U.S. Highway 12 north of Lavina, thence east and northeasterly along U.S. Highway 12 to Melstone, thence south and southeasterly along the Melstone-Custer Road to the Yellowstone River bridge at Custer, thence easterly down the Yellowstone River to the Bighorn River, thence southerly up the Bighorn River to Highway 87 at Hardin, thence west and northwesterly from Hardin along U.S. Highway 87 to Billings, the point of beginning.

Areas Closed to Hunting: State Game Preserves and closures.

License: Wild Turkey Tag - $3. Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or a Class B-10 $300 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older and resident youths from 12 through 14 need only be in possession of the $2 Conservation License and turkey tag. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. Special turkey tags may be obtained from the Helena office of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional office, or any license agent.

Limit: One wild turkey per fall season.

Tagging: The turkey tag must be cut out and affixed to the leg of the turkey immediately after killing and must remain thereon.

Means of Taking: Wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge, long bow and arrow, rifle, or handgun.

Other Restrictions: Baiting prohibited. "Baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain so as to constitute a lure or attraction. Nothing shall prohibit the taking of birds in or over standing crops or harvested cropland or grains scattered as a result of agricultural harvesting.

MONTANA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Ron Marcoux

BY: RON MARCOUX, ACTING SECRETARY
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STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

1985 SPRING WILD TURKEY GOBBLER SEASON

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the following described areas in Big Horn, Carter, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Fergus, Flathead, Garfield, Golden Valley, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Ravalli, Richland, Rosebud, Sanders, Treasure, Wheatland and Wibaux counties shall be open to the hunting of male wild Merriam turkey by valid turkey tag holders only, and by holders of special turkey gobbler permits where required, beginning at one-half (½) hour before sunrise April 20, 1985 and from one-half (½) hour before sunrise to one-half (½) hour after sunset each day ending May 12, 1985.

Fergus County: Fergus County in its entirety.

Portions of Golden Valley and Wheatland Counties as follows: Beginning at the junction of highways 191 and 297 at Judith Gap, then east along Highway 297 to its junction with the Red Hill Road to Lewistown, then north along the Red Hill Road to the Golden Valley County line, then west along the Golden Valley and Wheatland counties line to its junction with Highway 191 north of Judith Gap, then south to its junction with Highway 297 the point of beginning.

Garfield, Rosebud, Treasure, McCone, Prairie, Custer, Powder River, Richland, Dawson, Wibaux, Fallon and Carter counties in their entirety.

Bighorn County: Bighorn County lying south and east of the Crow Indian Reservation.

Chouteau County: Chouteau County in its entirety. Open to the hunting of male wild Merriam's turkey by valid turkey tag holders and 1985 special turkey gobbler permit holders only.

A total of 20 special turkey gobbler permits will be issued for this area. Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, and $2 drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Rural Route 4041, Great Falls, Montana 59405. Applications must be postmarked by March 30, 1985 to be eligible for the drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid turkey tag before hunting.

Deer/elk hunting districts 121*, 122* and 170*: In their entirety.
A total of 35 special turkey gobbler permits will be issued for Hunting District 121.
A total of 20 special turkey gobbler permits will be issued for Hunting District 122.
A total of 35 special turkey gobbler permits will be issued for Hunting District 170.

Applicants must submit in writing their name, address, and $2 drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Box 67, Kalispell, Montana 59901. Applications must be postmarked by March 30, 1985 to be eligible for the drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid turkey tag before hunting.

Ravalli County: Ravalli County in its entirety.
A total of 25 special turkey gobbler permits will be issued for Ravalli County. Applicants must submit in writing their name, address and $2 drawing fee to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana 59801. Applications must be postmarked by March 30, 1985 to be eligible for the drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and will be required to purchase a valid turkey tag before hunting.

Only shotguns or long bow and arrow may be used in Chouteau County, Ravalli County and Deer/elk hunting districts 121, 122 and 170.

The special turkey gobblers permit serves only as authorization for the holder to hunt this area during the time specified. It is not a hunting license or tag.

Persons applying for a special turkey gobbler permit may apply in only one turkey permit drawing.

* Legal descriptions of Hunting Districts 121, 122 and 170:

121 - West Clark Fork: That portion of Sanders County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where the Sanders-Mineral County line meets the Idaho border, thence easterly along said county line to Greenwood Hill, thence northerly along the divide to Penrose Peak, Cherry Peak and Eddy Mountain, thence northwesterly down ridge to Clark Fork River and mouth of Thompson River, thence northeasterly up the Thompson River to the West Fork of the Thompson River, thence up the West Fork to Four Lakes Creek, thence westerly up said creek to the North Fork of Four Lakes Creek, thence northwesterly up the North Fork to Forest Road 7671 and Trail 437, thence westerly up said trail to Trail 450, thence northerly on said trail to Mt. Headley, thence northerly along the divide between Graves Creek and West Fork of Fishtrap Creek to the Vermillion River Divide, thence

northerly along the Vermillion-Thompson River Divide to the Sanders-Lincoln County line, thence westerly along said county line to the Idaho border, thence south and southeasterly along said border to the Sanders-Mineral County line, the point of beginning.

122 - East Clark Fork: That portion of Sanders County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning where the Thompson River County Road meets U. S. Highway 2, thence southerly along said road to the Shroder Creek Road and U. S. Forest Service Trail 137, thence easterly along said road and trail to Trail 132, thence southeasterly to Trail 290, thence along said trail to the Flathead Indian Reservation boundary, thence southerly along said boundary to the Sanders County line, thence westerly along said county line to the Clark Fork-Ninemile Divide, thence westerly along said divide to U. S. Forest Service Trail 242, thence northerly along said trail to the Clark Fork River, thence westerly up the Clark Fork River to the U. S. Forest Service Trail 1714, thence northerly along said trail to U. S. Forest Service Trail 404 near Patricks Knob, thence westerly along said trail to the Miller Creek Loop Road, thence west on said road to Combpest Peak, thence westerly along U. S. Forest Service Trail 404 to the Mineral-Sanders county line, thence westerly along said county line to Greenwood Hill, thence northerly along the divide to Penrose Peak, Cherry Peak and Eddy Mountain, thence northwesterly down ridge to Clark Fork River and mouth of Thompson River, thence northeasterly up the Thompson River to the West Fork of the Thompson River, thence up the West Fork to Four Lakes Creek, thence westerly up said creek to the North Fork of Four Lakes Creek, thence northwesterly up the North Fork to forest road 7671 and Trail 437, thence westerly up said trail to Trail 450, thence northerly on said trail to Mt. Headly, thence northerly along the divide between Graves Creek and West Fork of Fishtrap Creek to the Vermillion River Divide, thence northerly along the Vermillion-Thompson River Divide to the Sanders-Lincoln County Line, thence easterly along said county line to U.S. Highway 2, thence easterly along said highway to the Thompson River County Road, the point of beginning.

170 - Flathead River: That portion of Flathead County lying with the following-described boundary: Beginning where State Route 35 crosses the Swan River, thence northerly along said route to State Route 206, thence northerly along said route to U. S. Highway 2, thence westerly along said highway and State Route 40, to U. S. Highway 93, thence southerly along said highway to the Somers Rest Area and north shore of Flathead Lake, thence easterly along said shore to the Swan River, thence easterly along the north shore of said river to the State Route 35 bridge, the point of beginning.

The following regulations apply to <u>all</u> areas:

<u>License</u>: Wild Turkey Tag - $3. Must be in possession of a Class AAA $35 Resident Sportsman's License, or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or a Class B-10 $300 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older and resident youths from 12 through 14 must be in possession of the $2 Conservation License. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds. Turkey tags may be obtained from the Helena office of the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, any Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional office, or any license agent.

<u>Limit</u>: One wild male turkey per spring season.

<u>Tagging</u>: The turkey tag must be cut out and affixed to the turkey immediately after killing and must remain thereon.

<u>Means of Taking</u>: Wild turkey may be taken with a shotgun not larger than a ten gauge, long bow and arrow, rifle, or handgun except in Chouteau and Ravalli Counties, and Hunting Districts 121, 122 and 170 where only shotguns or long bow and arrows may be used.

<u>Other Restrictions</u>: Baiting prohibited. "Baiting" shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of corn, wheat, or other grain so as to constitute a lure or attraction. Nothing shall prohibit the taking of birds in or over standing crops or harvested cropland or grains scattered as a result of agricultural harvesting.

<u>Landowner Permission</u>: Turkey hunters must secure permission from landowners before hunting on private property.

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